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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OSA

THROUGH: Deputy for Field Activities, OSA

SUBJECT: OXCART Forward Base Prestrike Concept

REFERENCE: [] dated 2 April 1963

1. This memorandum contains recommendations for the approval of the Assistant Director, OSA. Such recommendations are contained in paragraph 5.

2. During meetings last week with [] and other [] Operations representatives, the operational concept of forward base stagings as defined in referenced message was discussed. The following amplification of this concept was developed:

a. Forward base stagings (prestrike) will be undertaken from either Eielson AFB, [] or Kadena AFB, using the "fast turn around" concept for single operational missions. The mission vehicle will be ferried to the forward base []

b. The "fast turn around" concept at the forward base is defined as the minimum ground time required to post-flight, service, pre-flight, and launch the mission vehicle.

c. Mission flight planning (flight plan, film strip, emergency map cards, etc.) will be prepared [] and ferried to the forward base. Only minor flight plan changes may be expected to be accomplished at the forward base.

d. The mission pilot, airborne spare pilot, and back-up pilot will be airlifted to the forward base in sufficient time to provide for necessary crew control. A minimum of 24 hours in advance of mission launch time is estimated to be required for this control.

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3. To support the operational concept as defined in paragraph 1. above, the following operational personnel will be required at the forward base detachment:

- 1 Commander/Operations Officer
- 1 Flight Planner
- 1 Command Post Officer
- 1 Command Post Supervisor
- 1 Weather Officer
- 1 Weather Observer
- 1 Medical Officer
- 1 P. E. Officer
- 3 P. E. Specialists
- 1 Operations Clerk
- 3 Operational Pilots

4. The following operations personnel will be required in addition to presently authorized [] manning:

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- 1 Weather Officer
- 1 Weather Observer
- 1 Command Post Officer
- 1 Command Post Supervisor

25X1 This increased manning will provide for twenty-four hour coverage of both [] and forward base command posts and weather sections. Additionally, this increased manning provides for maintaining a capability to launch an operational mission

25X1 [] during the period the staging detachment is mounting a mission at the forward base.

5. It is recommended that:

a. The prestrike concept from a forward base be established as defined in paragraph 2. above.

25X1 b. The capability be established to mount an operational mission using the aforementioned prestrike concept and to simultaneously mount an operational mission []

(Signed)

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Chief, Operations Division, OSA

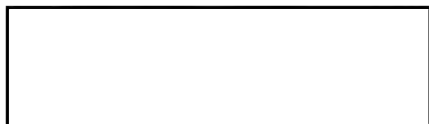
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The recommendations contained in paragraph 5. are approved:

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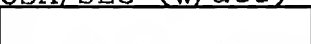
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